WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- A reproduction apparatus comprising: reproduction unit that reproduces digital video data from a storage medium; and
- communication unit that generates a packet including information on an operation state of the reproduction apparatus and the digital video data and transfers the generated packet isochronously.
- 2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the information on an operation state includes information on whether or not the digital video data is being played.
- 3. An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information on an operation state includes information indicating a playing direction.
- 4. An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information on an operation state includes information indicating a playing speed.
 - 5. An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information on an operation state includes information indicating a playing direction and a playing speed.

6. A recording apparatus comprising:

recording unit that records digital video data on a storage medium; and

communication unit that generates a packet
including information on an operation state of the
recording apparatus and the digital video data and
transfers the generated packet isochronously.

- 7. An apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the information on an operation state includes information on whether or not the digital video data is being recorded.
- 8. A method of controlling a reproduction
 15 apparatus, comprising the steps of:

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reproducing digital video data from a storage medium;

generating a packet including information on an operation state of the reproduction apparatus and the digital video data; and

transferring the generated packet isochronously.

- 9. A method according to Claim 8, wherein the information on an operation state includes
- 25 information on whether or not the digital video data is being played.

- 10. A method according to Claim 9, wherein the information on an operation state includes information indicating a playing direction.
- 11. A method according to Claim 9, wherein the information on an operation state includes information indicating a playing speed.
- 12. A method according to Claim 9, wherein the 10 information on an operation state includes information indicating a playing direction and a playing speed.
- 13. A method of controlling a recording15 apparatus, comprising the steps of:

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recording digital video data in a storage
medium;

generating a packet including information on an operation state of the recording apparatus and the digital video data; and

transferring the generated packet isochronously.

- 14. A method according to Claim 13, wherein the information on an operation state includes
- 25 information on whether or not the digital video data is being recorded.